

# **Lehi City Police Department**

**580 West State**

**Lehi, Utah 84043**

**385-201-1005**



## **Ride-Along Application**

# Ride-Along Program

"Ride-Along" means to be an official passenger in a patrol vehicle, accompanying a police officer during part of normal tour of duty. The primary purpose of a police Ride-Along is to provide an opportunity for the community to see firsthand the day-to-day workings of law enforcement in Lehi. The Ride-Along guest receives important insight into what it means to be a police officer. Criminal Justice students and people interested in a career in law enforcement have found it particularly useful. The Ride-Along program develops a better understanding of the challenges, hazards and rewards of the police officer's role in the community.

## **OTHER RIDE-ALONG GOALS:**

- To provide an opportunity for citizens to get to know their police officers
- To provide citizens interested in a career in law enforcement an opportunity to examine the job
- To educate the community about what to expect and why, if they ever have a need to call for police assistance
- To provide an opportunity for the police officers to get to know their community

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

- Ride-Along requests must be submitted at least forty eight (48 ) business hours before the desired Ride-Along date
- No one shall ride until approval has been granted and a properly completed waiver has been signed. The patrol Watch Commander will make notification
- No observer will accompany the officer while transporting or booking prisoners
- At no time shall an officer, while accompanied by an observer, engage in pursuit driving, responding to a violent crime in progress, or perform a felony traffic stop, unless they deposit the observer at a safe location
- A record check should be made of the potential Ride-Along candidate
- Ride-Along participants are only permitted to ride between 8:00 am and 3:00 am
- + Ride-Along participants can only ride once, every 3 months

## **HOW DO YOU SIGN UP FOR A RIDE-ALONG**

You must complete and sign an application form and return it to the Lehi Police Department. As an applicant for Lehi's Ride-Along program, you must authorize the

Police Department to conduct a background investigation to determine your qualifications. All information is confidential as required by Utah and Federal statutes.

## **THE RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT MUST AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES OF CONDUCT**

- Arrange for transportation to and from the Lehi City Police Department
- Observers shall, at all times, remain under the complete control of the assigned officer and comply with all directions
- Observers shall not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses unless directed by the assigned officer
- The observer must be of good character, not likely to endanger the safety of the public or the officer
- Minors **must** have a waiver form signed by parent or guardian
- The participant's attire must be neat, clean and conservative. The observer shall be well-groomed, The observer shall not wear any type of clothing, jacket, or baseball cap with a logo that might suggest that he or she is a police officer
- No alcoholic beverages on the breath or consumption, no illicit or prescription drugs that may cause impairment of the same while participating in the Ride-Along program
- All cameras and recording devices are prohibited
- No firearms or other weapons may be carried, unless the participant is currently a certified active police officer with another jurisdiction in the State of Utah
- The observer shall be in good health. No persons with severe colds or illness will be permitted to Ride-Along
- Observers must remain in the patrol car at all times, unless told to do otherwise by the host officer
- Observers must wear a seat belt when the vehicle is in motion
- Observers must not become physically or verbally involved in any incident
- Bring a meal, or money to purchase a meal
- In the event of a serious situation, the officer will ask you to wait in a secure and safe place
- Observers may observe an event/incident that may require your appearance in court as a witness
- Any information overheard regarding a criminal investigation is confidential in nature and the observer shall not discuss that information with anyone
- Ride-Along credentials must be worn at all times
- The maximum ride-along time is 4 hours, unless authorized by a Supervisor

- To receive an application or for further information, contact the Lehi City Police Department at (385) 201-1005.

**Please initial and date that you have read and understand the ride-along procedures:**

**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned:

In Consideration of being permitted to ride in a motor vehicle of the City of Lehi Police Department, I hereby release and agree to hold the City of Lehi, its employees and agents from any and all liability for any damage, injury, illness or disease I may receive or contract while accompanying a City of Lehi Police Officer, from any cause whatsoever.

This release of liability and agreement given by me to the City of Lehi, its employees and agents shall apply to any rights of actions that might occur to myself, my heirs and my personal representative. Further, I agree to assume all risk while riding in a City of Lehi Police Department vehicle and in accompanying its officer(s) and am fully aware personal danger may be involved. Furthermore, I know and understand that I face possible exposure to certain diseases, including but not limited to, Hepatitis B Virus, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Tuberculosis. My signature below indicates that I have read the above, understand its contents and agree to its terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MINOR:**

I/we, the undersigned, represent that I/we are the legally appointed or natural parent/guardian(s) of the above-named person who is under the age of 18 years, that he/she is signing the below "Covenant, Not to Sue, Promise to Release and Release of Liability" with our full knowledge and consent, and that I/we are joining in the execution of the same and agree to the terms thereof and do hereby find myself/ourselves in independent agreement with the same and provisions for myself/ourselves and my/our heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Minor**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

State of Utah)

County of Utah)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of parent/guardian)** for \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of Minor)** who is personally known to me; or has produced the following identification:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Type of identification**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Signature**

**Notary Stamp and/ or Seal**